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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER/SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
APRIL 7, 2024**

CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION): CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE THE MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT.

**ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:40 A.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024**

8:00 a.m. *St. Mary* Ken Breckel (Lydia Breckel)

**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 9:45 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY
BEFORE 10:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. MARY CHURCH**

10:00 a.m. *St. Mary* Aralyn Slack (Walters Family)

Noon *St. Benignus* Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings (Bob Dye)

3:00 p.m. *St. Mary* Confession, Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction for Divine Mercy Sunday
Fr. Mike Paraniuk

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024

9:15 a.m. *St. Mary* Healing for Joe Vermeersch (Cynthia Sprauer)

ROSARY EVERY TUESDAY AT 11:00 A.M. AT ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

11:30 a.m. *St. Benignus* Bernard (Bo) Dean- Birthday (Margaret Dean & Family)
Fr. Mark Bredestege

**ROSARY EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH
3RD THURSDAY MASS EVERY MONTH IS DEDICATED TO PRO-LIFE
THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024**

7:00 p.m. *St. Mary* Barb Wilkinson (Mary Tamborski)
Fr. Mike Paraniuk

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024

Noon *St. Benignus* The Carroll Family (Bob Dye)
Fr. Mark Bredestege

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

3:30 p.m. *St. Benignus* Pam Hester (Sharyn Salzano, Sue Hallows & Patty Baldwin)

5:30 p.m. *St. Mary* Jennifer Henize (Daniel Henize)
Fr. Mark Bredestege

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. *St. Mary* Edward Nerswick (Theresa Korte)

10:00 a.m. *St. Mary* Regina Schmidt (Adam Rockey)

Noon *St. Benignus* Janet & Larry Sowders (Debbie & Susie Kennedy)
Fr. Mark Bredestege

ST. MARY COLLECTION - MARCH 31, 2024

Weekly Need	\$	6,500.00
Weekly & Easter Collection	\$	14,799.00
Variance	\$	+8,299.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED	\$	260,000.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	\$	245,324.00
VARIANCE	\$	-14,676.00

ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION - MARCH 31, 2024

Weekly Need	\$	1,900.00
Weekly Collection	\$	885.00
Easter Collection	\$	590.00
Variance	\$	-425.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED	\$	76,000.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED	\$	92,122.00
VARIANCE	\$	+16,122.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

BEACONS OF LIGHT

- Evangelization Team:** Meets **April 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**
at **St. Mary – Hillsboro**
- Love In Action Team:** Meets **April 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**
at **St. Mary – Hillsboro**
- Stewardship Team:** Meets **April 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**
at **Mary, Queen of Heaven – Peebles**



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Remember in your prayers those parishioners or their family or friends who are sick, in the hospital, nursing home, homebound or in need of prayers...

ST. BENIGNUS & ST. MARY PRAYER LIST

Eric Arrington, Paula Miller, Ann Marie Gunderman, Claudia Frank, Holly Ruth Givens, Jeff Hadley, Becky Hiser, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Teresa Staten, Edna Maxwell, Jean Smith, Howard Smith, Deacon Len Parker, Todd Blankenship, Tina Hudson, Kirk Wuelnar, Elaine Feder, Rudy Thomsen

****To Add/Remove from Parish Prayer List, please inform the office (937-840-9932, St. Mary) or leave a note in the collection basket. (St. Benignus Church Office, 937-981-2785)****

BULLETIN DEADLINE

****Please submit by Monday 10:00 a.m.** in writing or e-mail at justleahatstmary@gmail.com, or submit in my mailbox located at the front of the school or call the office at 937-840-9932. ******

FR. LUEHRMANN HALL

\$73,041.81 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall.

ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO INCOME

Total since May 5, 2023: \$12,352.15
Bingo Team 1 (May 5, 2024)

Anne Lerch, Taryn Hastings, Jane Horne, Barb Rayburn, Michelle Salyer, Josh Pohlman, Tom Moran

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

- April 7** – Ashley Taylor
- April 10** – Bethany Taylor
- April 11** – Pat Hays
- April 12** – Kevin Kelnner, Tim Wells
- April 13** – Joe Howell, Patty Howell, Marilyn Rosselott
- April 14** – Jamie Corns, Dr. Sophela Mesina, Mary Wise
- April 15** – Libby Whitt
- April 16** – Chyanne Collins, Lori Clifford, Myles Fouch, William Roark
- April 17** – Tava Combs, Joan Winner
- April 19** – Brantley Collins, Olivia Worley
- April 20** – Wes Stultz
- April 21** – Abby Kelly, Dave Tamborski
- April 22** – John Miller
- April 24** – Janet Butler, Janet Inkrot, Mary Remsing
- April 25** – Tabor Tesmer
- April 26** – Leah Salyer, Joyce Wendell
- April 27** – Kimber Cooper, Bryant Salyer
- April 28** – Ken Nauman

OUR LADY OF THE HILLS FAMILY BOOK CLUB

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival book *(Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist)*

Start: April 16th, 2024, meet at St. Mary Church in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m.

(this time can be adjusted going forward)

Books are already purchased, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or by sending an email to stmarycre119@gmail.com if interested.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Please return your Operation Rice Bowl to the Communion Rail at St. Mary and the Collection Basket at St. Benignus.

TRAINING AT ST. BENIGNUS WITH FR. MARK BREDESTEGE

- Sacristans, Eucharist Ministers, Servers, Lectors
- Sacristans:** Help prepare the altar, pulpit & sanctuary for all liturgies.
 - Servers:** Assist the priest during Mass.
 - Lectors:** Read the Scripture for the Mass.
 - Eucharistic Ministers:** Help serve the Precious Body & Blood.
- For those who signed up, are interested or currently serving, **PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND APRIL 14, 2024, after Mass.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024	8:45 a.m.	PSR – Parish Hall – St. Mary
	10:30 a.m.	PSR – Rel. Ed. Bldg. – St. Benignus
	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Youth Group – Parish Hall – St. Mary
	1:00 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting – Rel. Ed. Bldg. – St. Benignus
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024	11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Soup Kitchen – Parish Hall – St. Mary
SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024	8:45 a.m.	PSR – Parish Hall – St. Mary
	10:30 a.m.	PSR – Rel. Ed. Bldg. – St. Benignus
	1:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting – Rel. Ed. Bldg. – St. Benignus
SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024	8:45 a.m.	PSR – Parish Hall – St. Mary
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024	8:45 a.m.	PSR – Parish Hall – St. Mary

EASTER FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Jennifer Hurt, Virginia Braun, Frankie Mackinnon, Mable Pearl Steele, Deceased Members of the Hovan Family, Stanley & Rosemary Feder, Ted & Bea Combs, Augustus Combs, Ann & Frank Rehark, Velma & Jerome Winner, George Wehner, Patricia Wehner, Kerchinske Family, Paetzel Family, Bill Fling, Deborah Harsha, Elmer & Ethel Wilkens, Barbara & Frank Fowee, David Rosselott, Janet Wilkens, Gary Huff, Carl Huff Jr., Phyllis Huff, Robert Kleinhenz, Ruth Kleinhenz, Lena Klein, Vic & Rose deMilliano, Ray deMilliano, Eleanor Solley, Healing for Mary Gross, Donald Markland, Robert Arbaugh, Mary Alice Wolfram, Roberta Bryan, Kevin & Valerie Raymond, Ellen Walker, Elwood Walker, Harold Baker, Sam & Alma Williams, Jack & Trudy Keating, Harold & Gladys Shultz, David Walters & Lydia Douglas, Hapner Family, Edmond Shine Frydryk, Eddie Cadwallander, Carolyn Ann Roth, Robert J. Roth, Jim Dean

EASTER SERMON – JOHN 20:1-9

There is an old proverb about how to live well: “The secret to living well and longer is to eat half, walk double, laugh triple and love without measure.” My mother lived that proverb to the ripe age of 97. She poured love into her family without measure. She passed to Heaven three years ago. The only earthly memento I have of her is this old, very expensive IBM typewriter she bought for me in 1984. She took a side job by making and selling her hand made ceramics to pay for it. I remember the day she gave it to me. She called me into another room where I could hear the clicking of keys as she sat there typing. I remember saying, “Oh, mom, that’s so cool. Why did you buy this?” She looked up, smiled and said, “For you.”

I used this typewriter for 40 years, never once needing repair. The white keys are blackened from use. So many memories stored on those keys, including an obituary I wrote for my mom. Then several weeks ago, it broke. Too old and expensive to fix. I can’t bring myself to throw it away. It’s my only earthly link to mom’s love for me.

But Easter changes everything. Like John who saw inside the tomb and believed, I see by faith the Resurrected Jesus and believe.

Because of Easter, I believe I will see my mom again. I don’t need that typewriter anymore.

Because of Easter, I believe death does not have the final word. It is only a door opening to a new life so wonderful that St. Paul wrote, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.” (1 Cor 2:9)

Because of Easter, I believe our hope for peace and love will triumph over discord and hate. “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33)

Because of Easter, I believe the punishment I deserve for my sins is no more. A preacher once said, “Jesus paid a debt He didn’t owe because we owed a debt we couldn’t pay.”

Because of Easter, I believe all suffering will be no more. “Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat...and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” (Rev 7:16-17)

Easter invokes in me feelings of gratitude to Jesus. As my time on this earth grows shorter, I thank Jesus; He has prepared a new home for me. I look forward to being in one of those rooms in our Father’s house. Instead of just telling God I’m grateful, I want to show Him I’m grateful. I recall an old Jewish tale that explains atheists.

“A rabbi was asked by one of his students, ‘Why did God create atheists?’ God created atheists he said, to teach us the most important lesson of them all – the lesson of true compassion. When someone reaches out to you for help. You should not say, ‘I’ll pray that God will help you.’ Instead, for that moment, you should become an atheist – imagine there is no God who could help and say, ‘I will help you.’”

Years later I asked mom what she was typing. She said, “Oh, a love letter to you.” Easter is a love letter from Jesus written in the ink of His Blood. Use your life to write a love letter back to Him. I believe in God who helps us all. Happy Easter...Fr. Mike

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